

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on November 16, 2005.

Claims 2, 4, 7, 9, and 11 are amended, claims 1, 5-6 and 17-24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; as a result, claims 2, 4, 7-9, 11-13, 15, and 26-30 now pending in this application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file further applications directed to any eligible subject matter.

The specification is amended to remove the paragraph incorporating related EP application in the present application to move the application to allowance.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 11 and 17-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Nam et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,062,051). Applicant respectfully traverses and does not admit that the present rejection is correct or proper. Applicant cancels claims 1, 5-6 to move the application to allowance. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file further applications directed to the subject matter of these claims and any other subject matter of the specification.

Claim 11 is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 7. Claim 11 now includes the subject matter of claim 7, which was indicated as allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12, 13, 15 and 26-30 were allowed.

Claims 7 and 8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant rewrites claim 7 into independent form without narrowing the claim scope. Applicant further amends claims 2, 4, and 9 to depend from allowable claim 7.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

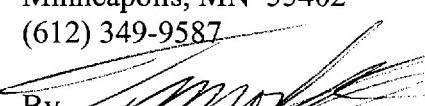
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